

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 7/26/07.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1 and 11.
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
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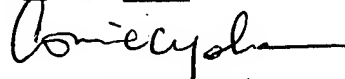
Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material

5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____


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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Arguments

1. Examiner took notice of the remarks and amendments made by applicant filed on 7/26/07.

The amended drawing of figure 3, filed on 7/26/07 has been considered.

Response to Amendment

2. This office action is in response to Amendment filed on 7/26/07.

Claim 1, and 11 are amended.

Claims 2-3 and 12-13 are canceled.

Claims 4-10 are non-elected claims and are therefore canceled by Examiner Amendment below.

3. Claims 1 and 11 are pending.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

4. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

5. The application has been amended as follows:

- I. **Cancel claim 4-10.**

- II. In the specification, as the first paragraph under DESCRIPTION, insert the following texts:

**CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLIATIONS AND
INCORPORATION BY REFERENCE**

This application is based upon and claims the benefit of priority of a 371 of PCT/JP04/05275 filed 4/13/2004. This application also claims the benefit of priority from Japanese Patent Application 2003110319 filed on April 15, 2003; the entire contents of which are incorporated by reference herein.

Allowable Subject Matter

6. Claims 1 and 11 are allowed.
7. Claims 1 and 11 are considered allowable since prior art made of record and considered pertinent to the applicant's disclosure does not teach or suggest the claimed limitations having in combination with other features, a refresh cycle control circuit, formed on the row decoder, for dividing the block selection signals by preset frequency dividing ratios to set refresh cycles for the blocks, the refresh cycle control circuit having a fuse circuit for setting the frequency dividing ratios and a frequency divider for dividing the block selection signals by frequency dividing ratios set in the fuse circuit.

Prior art made of record also does not teach the claimed limitation having in combination with other method step, the step of dividing the block selection signals by preset frequency dividing ratios to set refresh cycles for the blocks using a refresh cycle control circuit; dividing the block selection signals by frequency dividing ratios set in the fuse circuit using a frequency divider; and forming the fuse circuit on the row decoder.

Conclusion

8. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to whose telephone number is (571) 272-1799. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon. - Fri. from 8:00 A.M. to 5:30 PM. The examiner's supervisor, Amir Zarabian, can be reached at (571) 272-1852. The fax phone number for this Group is (571) 272-8300. Information regarding the status of an application may be obtained from the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. Status information for published applications may be obtained from either Private PAIR or Public PAIR. Status information for unpublished applications is available through Private PAIR only. For more information about the PAIR system, see <http://pair-direct.uspto.gov> should you have questions on access to the Private Pair system, contact the Electronic Business Center (EBC) at 866-217-9197 (toll-free).



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